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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/758,951	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YOON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Michael B. Holmes	<b>Art Unit</b> 2121	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**Examiner's Detailed Office Action**

1. This office action is responsive to application **09/758,951**, filed **January 12, 2001**.
2. **Claims 1-18** have been examined.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

**(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.**

3. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).
4. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Serbinis et al.* (USPN 6,314,425 B1).

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Regarding claim 1: A method (C 4, L 66 to C 5, L 08) for supporting an establishment of a communication channel between a client computer capable of accessing an information storage medium which stores predetermined information contents and a connection information including medium identification data and a first remote server providing services related to the information contents through a open communication network (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B), wherein said method comprises the steps of: (a) providing a second remote server comprising means for storing medium identification reference data required to be identical with the medium identification data; (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B; C 4, L 5-23) (b) receiving a connection authentication request message including the medium identification data from the client computer through the open communication network; (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B; C 5, L 31-51) and (c) when the medium identification data is same as the medium identification reference data, generating an access code and transmitting an encrypted access code to the client computer, so that the client computer tries to establish a connection to the first remote server using the access code and receive the services. (FIG. 4; item 91, C 9, L 63 to C 11, L 06)

Regarding claim 2: The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step (c) comprises the steps of: (c1) generating the access code; (C 10, L 20-43) (c2) encrypting the access code; (C 10, L 43-50) and (c3) transmitting an encrypted access code to the client computer through the open communication network. (C 10, L 51-61)

Regarding claim 3: The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising the step of: (d) transmitting an authentication notifying message including the access code to the first remote

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server, so that the first remote server provides the services to the client computer after verifying validity of the access code when the client computer requests a connection. (C 10, L 34-50)

Regarding claim 4: The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein, in said step (b), the connection authentication request message further includes an address of the client computer on the open communication network, wherein, in said step (d), the authentication notifying message further includes the address of the client computer, wherein the first remote server verifies validity of the access code as well as the validity of the address of the client computer when the client computer requests the connection. (C 9, L 47-52)

Regarding claim 5: The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the authentication notifying message further includes time data for setting an expiration period of the access code, so that the first remote server invalidates the access code when the client computer does not request the connection within the expiration period. (FIG. 12B; C 9, L 33-45)

Regarding claim 6: The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the connection authentication request message is encrypted according to a predetermined encryption algorithm, wherein said step (b) comprises a step of: decrypting the encrypted portion of the connection authentication request message. (C 10, L 34-50)

Regarding claim 7: The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein, in said step (b), the connection authentication request message further includes an address of the client computer on the open

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communication network, wherein, in said step (d), the authentication notifying message further includes the address of the client computer, wherein the first remote server verifies validity of the access code as well as the address of the client computer when the client computer requests the connection. (C 7, L 24-35)

Regarding claim 8: The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein both the first and the second remote servers are implemented in a same physical server and assigned with the same network address with each other. (FIG. 1B; item 20A & 20B)

Regarding claim 9: The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the access code includes a Cookie value transmitted from the second remote server to the client computer through a Cookie-setting field to be stored in the client computer. (*Examiner's note: cookie n. 1. a block of data that a server returns to a client in response to a request from a client.* Third Edition, Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary (1997) pg. 119, i.e., Cookies are well known in the art)

Regarding claim 10: A computer readable medium (C 5, L 21-30) storing a program for setting up a communication channel between a client computer and a first remote server through an open communication network (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B) in a condition that the client computer can access an information storage medium storing predetermined information contents and a connection information including medium identification data and address data of a second remote server, said program carries out the functions of: (a) making a connection authentication

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request message generated based on the connection information to be transmitted to the second remote server through the open communication network; (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B; C 4, L 5-23)

(b) receiving and decoding a connection authentication message provided by the second remote server in response to the connection authentication request message to recover an access code assigned by the second remote server; (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B; C 5, L 31-51) and (c) providing the access code to a predetermined client program operating in the client computer so that the client program tries to establish a connection to the first remote server using the access code and receive services related to the information contents from the first remote server. (FIG. 4; item 91, C 9, L 63 to C 11, L 06)

Regarding claim 11: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 10, wherein the computer readable medium is the same as the information storage medium, and thus the information contents, the connection information, and the program are stored in a single medium. (FIG. 1A & FIG. 1B; C 5, L 21-30)

Regarding claim 12: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 10, wherein said function (a) comprises the functions of; (a1) reading out the medium identification data and the address data of the second remote server from the information storage medium; (C 6, L 66 to C 7, L 09) and (a2) providing the client program with the medium identification data and the address data of the second remote server, so that the client program generates the connection authentication request message using the medium identification data and transmits the connection authentication request message to the second remote server. (C 5, L 21-30 &



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C 6, L 66 to C 7, L 09)

Regarding claim 13: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 12, wherein said function (a2) comprises the functions of: (a2a) encrypting the medium identification data; (C 10, L 43-50) and (a2b) providing the client program with an encrypted medium identification data and the address data of the second remote server. (C 10, L 51-61)

Regarding claim 14: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 10, wherein said function (a) comprises the functions of: (a1) reading out the medium identification data and the address data of the second remote server from the information storage medium; (C 6, L 66 to C 7, L 09) and (a2) generating the connection authentication request message using the medium identification data; (C 10, L 51-61) and (a3) making the connection authentication request message to be transmitted to the second remote server. (C 10, L 51-61)

Regarding claim 15: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein said function (a2) comprises the function of: encrypting at least a portion, including the medium identification data, of the connection authentication request message. (C 10, L 33-50)

Regarding claim 16: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein said function (a3) comprises the function of: transferring the connection authentication request message to the client program, so that the client program transmits the connection authentication request message to the second remote server. (C 5, L 21-31)

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Regarding claim 17: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein said function (a3) comprises the function of: directly transmitting, without an intervention of the client program, the connection authentication request message to the second remote server.  
(C 6, L 66 to C 7, L 09)

Regarding claim 18: The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 10 wherein, in said function (a), the connection authentication request message further includes an address of the client computer on the open communication network. (C 7, L 24-35)

## Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and (listed of form **PTO-892**) not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure as follows. Applicant or applicant's representative is respectfully reminded that in process of patent prosecution i.e., amending of claims in response to a rejection of claims set forth by the Examiner per Title 35 U.S.C. The patentable novelty must be clearly shown in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited and any objections made. Moreover, applicant or applicant's representative must clearly show how the amendments avoid or overcome such references and objections. *See 37 CFR § 1.111(c).*

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